

NEWSBRIEFS

Spotlight

Change of command: All base personnel are invited to attend the 1st Combat Camera Squadron Change of Command ceremony Aug. 3 at 10 a.m. at the Charleston Club. Lt. Col. Rory Kinney will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Randy McCanne.

Col. Kip Self, 621st Air Mobility Operations Group commander, will officiate the ceremony. A reception will follow. Points of contact for the ceremony are 2nd Lt. Dan Richards at 963-3479 and Master Sgt. Jeffrey Unger at 963-3331.

Change of command: All base personnel are invited to attend the 437th Mission Support Squadron's Change of Command Ceremony Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Charleston Club.

Lt. Col. Gary Cook will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Vic Sowers.

Retirement ceremony: The 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Carlos Rivera July 28 at 11 a.m. at the Charleston Club. Cake and punch will be served followed by a pay as you go lunch after the ceremony.

Retirement ceremony: The 437th Comptrollers Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Upshaw July 28 at 3 p.m. at the Charleston Club.

Around the base

Enlisted Dining-Out:

The Enlisted Dining-Out is on schedule for Sept. 16 for all Charleston AFB active and reserve enlisted personnel. Volunteers of all enlisted ranks are welcome to participate in all preparation efforts.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Tracy Brewster at 963-6318 or Master Sgt. James Scanlan at 963-2798.

Induction ceremony:

The senior noncommissioned officer induction ceremony is Thursday at the Charleston Club. The social begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. Dress is semi-formal or mess dress.

Study skills seminar:

There will be a study skills seminar conducted at the Community Education Center on July 31 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 963-4575 for information or to reserve a seat.

Combat Dining-In - "Operation Frivolous Frivolity":

The Company Grade Officer Council will be holding a Combat Dining-In Aug. 12 at 6 p.m., at Nose Dock 2. The event is open to all 437th and 315th officers. For information, contact 2nd Lt. Zabrina Robinson at 963-4239 or 1st Lt. James Hackett at 963-3569.

PCS preparations: The peak season for moving personal property is here. During this busy time, the 437th Traffic Management Office is asking for help. Members are asked to stop by Bldg. 330 to set up your move as soon as you have orders. TMO will make every effort to accommodate requests, if given enough time. Be-



Yard of the Month

Senior Airman Jason Smith

Staff Sgt. Christopher Gregorio, 437th Aerial Port Squadron, his wife Jennifer and son Lucas, 9 months, pull weeds in front of their flower garden at 3805-B Kansas Ave. The Gregorio's yard was named as the Hunley Park Yard of the Month for June. Jennifer said she spends all day on Tuesdays working on the yard. The Gregorio's recommend taking advantage of the self-help center for various products involved in producing a winning yard.

cause of volume, it takes anywhere from three to four weeks to confirm the requested dates. For more information, call 963-2255.

Family Support Center

Pre-Deployment Briefings, 8 a.m., Monday and July 31; 4 p.m., Thursday.

Kid\$-n-Ka\$h, noon to 1:30 p.m., today. Learn how to raise money conscious kids in a consumer-oriented society. Parents will learn techniques that are appropriate for children of all ages.

Topics will include: Chores and allowances, creating educated consumers, saving, spending and investing for children, parents and the media's influence.

Troops-To-Teachers, 10-11 a.m., Monday.

Job Search Process I and II, 5:30- 9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday.

Positive Attitude and YOU, 10-11:30 a.m., Wednesday. Learn how to improve the quality of your life with a more positive attitude and maintain it! A positive attitude will make you feel good about yourself and make you more effective in dealing with daily life.

Car Buying Workshop, 1-3 p.m., Wednesday.

SMOOTH Move, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Thursday.

Dress & Communication for Success, noon to 4 p.m., Aug 1.

Do You Want A Career or A Job? 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug 2.

All workshops are held at the FSC unless otherwise noted. For more information or to register, call the Family Support Center at 963-4406.

Charleston Profile

Senior Airman Jason Gray

Senior Airman Jason Gray is a loadmaster assigned to the former 16th Airlift Squadron.

"I love what I do," he said. "I get to be part of and support missions that are fun and I've been able to travel while getting paid to do it."

Gray, who's been stationed at Charleston since 1991 spent four years in the Reserves before joining the active duty Air Force in 1995. Gray said he joined the Reserves to earn money for college and realized that becoming active duty would bring him closer to his dream of becoming a pilot.

That dream became more of a reality July 9 when Gray was notified of his selection to officer training school.

"I got a pilot training slot at Vance (AFB, Okla.)," he said. "I'll leave for OTS in October, graduate in January, then head to training."

Gray, one of only two of the 122 OTS selectees to receive a pilot training slot, said he's always wanted to be a pilot and hopes to fly the C-17.

"I've been on the C-141 since the beginning of my military career," he said, "and I think it's fitting that as the C-141 leaves, I leave with it and move on to something different."

Gray said he feels it's important to have diversity and looks at his military experience as a benefit and factor in making him a better officer.

"I'll have what the younger trainees won't have - experience," he said. Gray said that it's to his advantage that he's been in the Air Force long enough to know what day-to-day life is all about.

When he's not in the air or preparing for OTS, Gray said loves the beach, playing hockey and spending time with his wife, Susan. He's also a member of the Civil Air Patrol and has his private pilot's license.

Gray said, "After OTS, I'll have a 10-year Air Force commitment to fulfill and regardless of what I decide to do after that, I know I'll be flying."



Staff Sgt. Pamela Smith